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Denies Grilling Was 'Torture'

To the Editor of The News—Sir: To Mrs. Robert H. Jamison of Carlton Rd. regarding her recent article in The News Mailbag—I was shocked to think that she would consider the 12-hour grilling of a suspect by detectives as torture and compare it to what our boys went through at the hands of the Communists. There is no comparison.

Our boys were in prison camps, starved and beaten, no food and no beds.

The city of Cleveland is an enlightened city, which she seems to doubt, and so is their Police Department. There's no law that forbids the grilling of a suspect for 12 hours.

Even little Kenny Broyles was taken from his hospital bed by ambulance, his body in a cast, to answer questions.

What about the torture and suffering of the woman who was so brutally murdered in her bed and left to die?

Police Chief Story and Detective McArthur and their aides are doing a thorough and splendid job. We hope they will apprehend the killer.

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'Fair Trial, by Hanging,' Says Judge

To the Editor of The News—Sir: On reading the letter of Mrs. Robert H. Jamison (last Wednesday's News) concerning the conduct of the Cleveland police in the Sheppard case, it occurred to me that perhaps Mrs. Jamison had never heard of the case which came before the magistrate in a frontier town.

The defendant was charged with horse stealing. He was hauled before the bench, which consisted of a 12-inch plank on a couple of sawhorses. The "jedge" reached into his hip pocket, pulled out a sizeable plug, took a big chaw of eatin' tobacco, wiped off his mustache with the back of his hand, looked over his specs at the defendant, said "You're charged with hoss stealing. How do you plead?"

"Not guilty," answered the defendant.

The judge drew bead on the gaboon sitting across the room, turned to the defendant and said:

"Young feller, I want you to understand you're in a court of justice. We're gonna give you a trial that's fair, impartial and unbiased—then, by gad, we're gonna hang ya."

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